November 21, 1970

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your mailings of 11/12 and 17. Again, I reply in haste.

I don't want you to spend unavailable time unprofitably on this melon business. I am enclosing my replies to letters from Howard and Dick, copies of which were sent you.

I'm fairly certain that Alvarez has no copy of the Zapruder film of his own. I don't know what he and CBS were allowed to do at the Archives.

Your letter of 11/16 refers some observation of Howard's which I am said to have distributed to Lifton and others. I simply cannot tell from that letter what you are talking about. If you want a response you will have to be more specific. However, you can assure Howard that if such a mistake was made, it was mine, not yours. You made very clear to me the restrictions Howard had placed on his work, so much so that I do not have copies of any of it and did not make notes on what I saw at your place. You correctly assert that your opinion of Lifton has been made most clear to me.

I have copied and am returning the clothing suit complaint and response. Sorry to hear that the spectro suit did not go okay. I think I have the complaint but not the answer on that one. I have not heard from Mary for some time and have no response to my note of the 8th asking for this kind of material.

Your note of 11/15 asks for 5 copies of the "Wasp reports." I am enclosing 5 copies of the one page on the fingerprints (CD 1518, page 55), and a copy of the list of documents on this matter which I have. I have sent all of those to you at some time. Note that it totals 31 pages; I also have (I think) one or two copies of CE 1412 from the CD's (that CE is 11 pages). Since I don't know what your complaint says I can't guess which of these you need. I remind you that most of what I did related to two peripheral things: Abelow (how he got a copy of the pamphlet with a name on it, turned it over to Lockheed before the assassination; this was routinely given to the Commission but ignored until a "source" told the FBI about it sometime later), and CE 1412 (how a doctored copy of another handbill was substituted for the one which belonged in the CE). I think both of these things are odd but probably innocent. I've been surprised for some time that Garrison, with his wild fantasies about NASA, hasn't made a big fuss over Abelow.

Your other note of 11/15 indicated certain material relating to disclosures that I mentioned but did not send. I think I sent everything I have. If you specify further I can check my files.

When my appeal is turned down (it is long overdue), there are two suits I could file: Vallee and the N.O. FPCC file which the FBI had (that part relating to Oswald). I would like to get the information you describe, even if I decide not to sue right away. Do I have to have a lawyer? Must he be competent in some specific areas? The Vallee suit would be relatively weak; the FPCC one would be strong but might be stepping on some toes which I might want to avoid until I have several cases ready to go.

Sincerely,

Paul